

DENDRON IN HEART OF TIMBER LAND

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to utilize what in the average country sawmill is merely waste.

A Consolidated Plant.
Now, the Surry Lumber Company's plant at this place covers a space of not less than thirty acres, upon which are three immense sawmilling plants, the box factories above referred to, the kindling wood factory, the planing mill, the drying houses, the lumber sheds from which the cars are loaded with all manner of timber, the side tracks of the company, the machine shops of the railway, and all the other attachments and conveniences that are required for the business of so gigantic an establishment.

To sum the whole thing up in a nutshell, it may be said that the plant consists of the three sawmilling plants, containing three single-cut band mills and two double-cut band mills, one gang mill, two resawing mills, two lathing mills, one immense box shuck factory, and the kindling wood factory above referred to, not to say anything of the immense drying houses, storage sheds and other warehouses, in which are stored for shipment the products of the mills and the various factories.

To keep these mills supplied with material the company takes the trees right from the woods, hauls the logs by their own railway direct into the yards here, and in the twinkling of an eye, so to speak, cuts them up into the various grades of lumber needed for after use. The commoner grades of the lumber are made into box shooks, as above set forth, into cheaper grades of building timbers and kindling and "waste," and the better grades, after being sawed are conveyed to the company's immense plant at Berkeley, near Norfolk, to be dressed into the finer house-building material—sash, blinds and doors—to be shipped to Northern and Western and European markets, the larger portion perhaps going to England and Italy. Thus this company is bringing into Virginia a great lot of Northern and European money that might not otherwise find its way into this territory.

Working in the Woods.

To keep these mills supplied with the raw material in the shape of logs, the company employs in the woods no less than 700 able-bodied men, who are daily cutting and loading on to the company's cars the logs that are the next day sawed up into timber. These men are divided up into three camps in the counties of Surry, Sussex and Southampton, and all are under the general supervision of Philip Rogers, a brother of Edward Rogers, who is in charge of the plant and a man who knows how to handle men. His headquarters are at Sedley, a station on the company's railway where it crosses the new Virginia Highway.

The Rogers Brothers.

By the way, the Rogers family is very numerous in the development of the lumber interest of this section and in the upbuilding of the town of Dendron. There are four of them—Edward, Philip, Arthur and J. E. Rogers. The last named has general charge of the works here in Dendron, Arthur is the Mayor of the town and the manager of the railway interest; Philip looks after the sawmilling, the drying houses and, as before indicated, Edward is the superintendent and the general boss of the whole business. Without the Rogers brothers the Surry Lumber Company and Dendron would be the play of "Hannibal" with the melancholy price just out.

Many Men Draw Pay.

To sum up, the Surry Lumber Company employs in its various enterprises about 1,700 men, that is to say, about 1,000 here in Dendron and about 700 in the mills in the woods, and the monthly pay-roll amounts to anywhere from \$32,000 to \$35,000.

This is the kind of a shop that has built up the town of Dendron, and is no wonder that the town has been well built and that stores and banks and hotels and livery stables and a peanut trade and various kinds of industries have grown up around the big shop.

It is no wonder also that handsome homes have been built and that first-class schools have grown up, and that churches have been built, and that sidewalks and streets have been made, that Masonic lodges and other organizations and societies have been formed, and that altogether Dendron has developed into a model, moral and in every sense a delightful Virginia town.

The Little Railway Line.

In this development the Surry, Sussex and Southampton Railway has cut quite a figure. Of course, the road is owned absolutely by the Surry Lumber Company, but to all intents and purposes it is a separate organization, being chartered by the laws of the State under its own name. The main line runs from Scotland, on the James River, to Dory, in Southampton county, a distance of thirty miles, but it has side tracks and sidings to every sawmill and every lumber camp of the Surry Lumber Company, and altogether it controls about 100 miles of trackage and has a wide open charter that enables it to control traffic as much more if it wants to, and it will want to if the lumber interest requires it. Edward Rogers is the general superintendent of the road and Arthur Rogers is the master of transportation. While the line is purely a lumber road it maintains a splendid passenger and freight service between Dory, in Southampton county, and Scotland, on the James River, making passenger and mail connections every day except Sunday at Wakefield with the Norfolk and Western Railway, and at Scotland with the James River boats in general, especially those of the Virginia Navigation Company.

In all respects it is a cracker-jack little road, and while its passenger and mail business is not on a paying basis, the conductors and train men are always most cordial, and regardless of profits, ever render service that is pleasing to the patrons of the line. The company has thirty-five expert workmen, and turn loose a good weekly pay-roll. Altogether the road employs not less than 150 men, and its pay-roll is from \$7,000 to \$7,250 per month, and this in addition to the Surry Lumber Company's pay-roll.

Other Lumber Features.
It is around this lumber plant and this little narrow gauge railway that the town of Dendron, in Surry county, has grown and has become the mecca of all of this section. Be it understood that while the lumber interest is Dendron's trump card it is not its only card, for it is the centre of as charming and as prolific a farming section as there is anywhere in Virginia. The farm lands surrounding produce peanuts, corn, hay, potatoes and all of which find ready sale here. In addition, the people of this section raise very many hogs, and thousands of the hams that are finally labeled of the hams that are finally labeled "Smithfield" from hogs grown in the regions around Dendron. The peanut business here is great. It is said that not less than 100,000 bushels of the toothsome nuts find their way to market from Dendron every year, and A. R. Morris, the

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peanut king of this immediate section, handles the most of them.

With such a splendid back country surrounding Dendron, of course, became a good trading centre. There are here about twenty stores, and a conservative calculator tells me that they sell during a year about a quarter of a million dollars of goods.

Splendid Banking Facilities.

The town has two banks, and both of them do a thriving business. The Bank of Sussex and Surry is one of the strongest financial institutions of rural Virginia. It maintains flourishing banking houses here in Dendron, at Ivor and at Wakefield, and all three of the prongs do a good business. Its resources amount to about \$25,000, consisting of banking house and furniture property to the amount of about \$12,000, loans and investments to about \$240,000, and cash and due from other banks, about \$125,000. The capital stock is \$25,000 while the surplus and profit fund foots up \$45,000. An additional reserve fund for interest amounts to \$3,000. These figures put the bank high up on the what is known as the roll of honor and high up in the confidence of the people. The evidence of the latter statement is shown in the fact that the deposits amount to a little more than \$300,000.

The Dendron End of It.

The Dendron end of the bank was established in 1907, and P. D. Bain was made president. Edward Rogers, vice-president, and E. M. Richardson, cashier. William H. Pursell, Edward Rogers and A. R. Morris are the resident directors, and compose the discount board, who, with Cashier Richardson, may be said to be in absolute charge here.

The bank has here a splendid concrete building supplied with fire-proof vault and a burglar-proof time lock safe, and in all other respects it is an up-to-date banking house. The Dendron prong of the bank carries on

its own account deposits amounting to \$50,000, and its loans and discounts foot up to something over \$60,000. Among the directors and the stockholders are some of the most substantial and well-to-do citizens of the rich counties of Surry, Sussex and Southampton who are prominent in the commercial and industrial life of the town of Dendron.

The bank of Dendron is a never institution. It was established with a capital of \$10,000 in 1907. The officers are W. W. Seward, president; T. D. Parker, vice-president, and L. E. Johnson, cashier. The total assets amount to about \$12,000, and the deposits to about \$25,000. The bank enjoys the confidence of the people.

Dendron's Real Pride.

There are three churches in Dendron—the Methodist, the Baptist and the Christian—and the population is a church-going people. A Masonic lodge, an Odd-Fellows' lodge and several other secret orders flourish here. Two capacious halls furnish lodge-room for all of these orders, as well as good accommodations for theatrical entertainers, whether they be local or traveling.

One thing that Dendron especially prides itself on is its splendid public school. W. H. Pursell, the chairman of the board of trustees, is an enthusiastic public school man, and he has left no stone unturned to make the Dendron High School the equal in all respects of any like institution according to size in the State. He tells me that while the building is not of brick or stone and not as large as those in some other towns, it is strictly up-to-date, and meets all the requirements of Dendron so far as these requirements have developed. Further development of the said requirements, he assures me, will be promptly met. The building is indeed a handsome and commodious one, even if it is not of brick or stone, and, as Chairman Pursell says, meets all the

needs up to now. The pretty building, located in a charming grove, has five rooms that are comfortable and of the best sanitary arrangement. Five teachers in these rooms look after 125 students, and the record shows that they look after the young ideas well.

No liquor is sold in Dendron by law and very little by outlaw. Notwithstanding the fact that the mills necessarily attract many people who might be disorderly almost anywhere else, there is little or no disorder in Dendron at any time. The reason is plain, and it is that the people who run the town do not intend that there shall be any disorder. There may be some folks who think that a lumber town or a factory town of any kind is a thing not to be desired. I have more than one idea set forth in some of the old foggy towns of Virginia, and for that reason they object to new industries. I wish some of these old fogies would visit Dendron and just see how the thing works. A lotter more orderly little city or a better place to live in than Dendron is not on the map of good old Virginia.

CORN CLUBS ORGANIZED.

School Boys in Amateur Selected for Demonstration Work.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Amherst, Va., January 29.—Amherst county has been selected as one of the counties of the State for a corn demonstration among the school boys. For the corn demonstration clubs the following schools in the county have been selected: Courthouse, Chesney, Winesap, Oak Grove, Pedlar Mills, Swan's Hill, Mt. Pleasant and Clifford. Boys from these schools will raise an acre of corn each under the direction of the corn demonstrator of this county, Captain H. S. Peyton. Prizes for the largest yield per acre will be awarded at the Amherst fair next fall.

MARKED PROGRESS IN ROAD-BUILDING

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conditions surrounding the treatment of the convict. So many abuses were brought to light and so much graft was shown to exist that a wave of indignation against the system swept over the State. A special session of the Legislature was called, and the system was abolished by statute.

The new law, which went into effect about a year ago, provides that the convicts shall work only on the roads. If one county cannot use all its own convicts it must loan them to any other county which needs them. The result is that several thousand convicts are now continuously engaged in building good roads. To Georgia was formerly due the distinction of having about the worst roads in the country. In another year or two the proportion of improved roads to that of the worst roads in the country will be reversed. The State will compare favorably with that in New Jersey, Massachusetts and any of the Northern States.

Road-Building Follows Prosperity.

"We must also ascribe much of the recent progress in road-building in the South to the greatly improved prosperity of that section. High prices for cotton and other agricultural products for several years have entirely transformed the financial condition of that section. As the South's wealth is increasing it has become more critical of its own condition, and it is endeavoring to put itself on a par with other sections of the country. The building of good roads in the South has been but one phase of a general improvement, other phases being the building of better waterways, schools and public buildings.

"And now let us consider another influence of recent origin which tends to bring about the building of good roads. Almost every city in the South has its board of trade or chamber of commerce. These organizations are endeavoring to bring new industries to their respective cities, and the competition is of the keenest. A few months ago a considerable agitation was started, having in view the building of an improved highway all the way from New York to Atlanta. The various commercial organizations above referred to were quick to see that these cities which were on the line of the proposed highway would profit enormously with the result that the rivalry between different cities took the form of competition in good roads activity.

"That is the condition which exists in the South to-day. Every enterprising county is straining its resources to improve its highways in order that it may not be said that a rival city has done better in this respect. Every Southern city between New York and Atlanta wants to be on the route of the tourist travel between the two cities. In fact, the entire South wel-

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STATEMENT OF THE American National Bank

Richmond, Virginia.

As at the close of January 10, 1910.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts - \$3,079,962.36	Capital - - - - \$400,000.00
Stocks and Bonds - 609,856.50	Surplus - - - - 200,000.00
Bank, House and Fix. - 337,445.19	Undivided Profits - - 40,292.81
Cash in Banks - 849,333.13	Circulation - - - - 345,000.00
Cash on hand - 383,924.41	Deposits - - - - 4,038,778.78
Due from U. S. Treas. - 17,250.00	Bond Amount - - - - 253,700.00
\$5,277,771.59	\$5,277,771.59

We hereby certify that, after a careful examination of the American National Bank, Richmond, Virginia, as at the close of January 10, 1910, the above statement gives the true condition of the bank; as shown by the books and accounts.

The Resources and Liabilities were all checked and readily proved with the amounts called for in this statement. The accounts with banks were verified by special letter to each one.

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Statement of the Bank of Commerce & Trusts Richmond, Va.

As at close of January 14th, 1910.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts \$1,005,532.40	Capital \$ 200,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 93,166.90	Surplus and Profits 60,237.00
Real Estate 2,606.90	Deposits 986,348.64
Banking House 13,097.97	
Furniture and Fixtures 6,901.00	
Cash in Banks 82,027.10	
Cash on hand 43,253.37	
\$1,246,585.64	\$1,246,585.64

We hereby certify that, after a careful examination of the Bank of Commerce and Trusts, Richmond, Virginia, as at the close of January 14, 1910, the above statement gives the true condition of the bank, as shown by the books and accounts.

Good judgment is displayed in the distribution of Loans.
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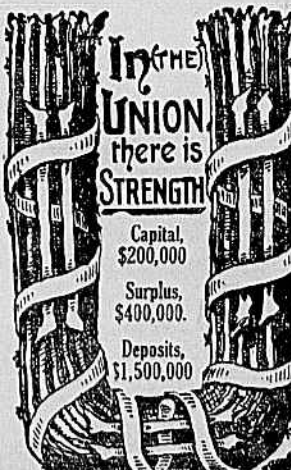
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